

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	D. I. Lee	2876	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/10/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-31.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Response filed 10 November 2004.

Note: The Examiner noted a typo in applicant's Response filed 10 November 2004. In applicant's remark with respect to the Double-Patenting rejection, applicant incorrectly identified the Patent Number of the terminal disclaimer (i.e., "U.S. Patent No. 6,564,504" should have been -- **U.S. Patent No. 6,688,529** --). Although applicant incorrectly identified the Patent Number of the terminal disclaimer in the Response filed 10 November 2004, the Patent Number is correctly identified in the terminal disclaimer filed 10 November 2004.

Double Patenting

2. Receipt is also acknowledged of the Terminal Disclaimer filed 10 November 2004 to overcome the Double Patenting Rejection (37 CFR §1.321(c)). The terminal disclaimer filed on 10 November 2004 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of **U.S. Patent No. 6,688,529** has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-31 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Warther et al. [US 6,305,716] teaches a method of constructing a transaction card sheet product having a plurality of transaction card assemblies, the method having the steps of providing a sheet of material; printing text, symbolic designs as non non-variable data on selected portions of the sheet of material; an adhesive layer applied to the sheet of material and directly overlaying is a strip of releasable tape to the sheet of material or a strip of releasable tape can be also applied to the laminated sheet of

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material; printing variable data on selected portions of the sheet of material; laminating the sheet of material with a transparent material so as to cover the variable and non-variable data printed on the sheet of material; and cutting the laminated sheet of material to define the plurality of transaction card assemblies such that each transaction card assembly includes an information card having variable and non-variable data printed thereon.

Warther [US 6,010,159] teaches a method of constructing a transaction card assembly, the method having the steps of printing text, symbolic designs as non non-variable data on selected portions of the transaction card assembly; applying a magnetic strip tape having a variable data, such as a machine readable data, to the transaction card assembly; printing variable data on selected portions of the transaction card assembly and the magnetic strip tape; laminating the transaction card assembly with a transparent material so as to cover the variable and non-variable data printed on the transaction card assembly; and cutting the laminated transaction card assembly to define the information card having variable and non-variable data printed thereon and a corresponding tape receiving portion.

One of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to modify the teachings of Warther'716, Warther'159, or in combination of other references in order to obtain the specific transaction card sheet product having a strip of removable tape attached to the sheet of material with a variable data printed thereon, which corresponds to the variable data printed on the information card and the specific step of constructing transaction card sheet product that reads the printed variable data printed on the selected portion of the sheet of material after the lamination process in order to print the corresponding variable data on selected portion of the removable strip of tape prior to cutting the laminated sheet of material, as set forth in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. I. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-2399. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 5:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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